



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD RESOLUTION 2019-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
ENDORING THE HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL EXPRESS LANES NETWORK.**

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is the federally-mandated authority responsible for carrying out the transportation planning and programming process for the Hampton Roads Region, and, as such, is responsible for the selection and prioritization of regionally-significant projects to be built in Hampton Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the relationship between the HRTPO, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), significant improvements have been made to the Interstate system in Hampton Roads as projects prioritized by HRTPO have been funded and executed by HRTAC and constructed by VDOT; and

**WHEREAS**, technical analyses conducted by VDOT and HRTPO have demonstrated that users of the Interstate system in Hampton Roads currently experience, or are expected to experience by 2040, significant congestion at a number of locations along the I-64 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the VDOT and HRTPO analyses have demonstrated that an Express Lanes Network comprised of High-Occupancy/Toll (HOT) lanes along I-64 from Jefferson Avenue in Newport News to Bowers Hill in Chesapeake would provide an option for a reliable trip for High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV), public transit vehicles, and non-HOV users willing to pay a toll; and

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO believes it is important to pursue the concept of a fully connected and consistent Express Lanes Network to ensure the future needs of the Region will be addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO believes it is important that such an Express Lanes Network be managed by the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC).

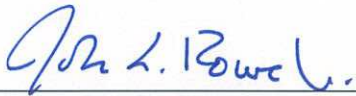
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization hereby endorses the Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network as follows:

1. A consistent Express Lanes Network that begins on I-64 at Jefferson Avenue in Newport News, proceeds along I-64 through Bowers Hill in Chesapeake and continues along I-664 to I-64 in the vicinity of the Hampton Coliseum.
2. That the Express Lanes Network be a consistent HOT-2 network, with one HOT lane and one part-time HOT shoulder lane where practical and necessary.
3. That to minimize impacts to the Region's motorists, wherever practicable, the roadways that comprise the Express Lanes Network be restricted to HOT operation during high volume traffic times and be open to all traffic outside of the restricted periods.
4. That funding and operation of the Express Lanes Network be managed by HRTAC.
5. That a free alternative (general purpose lanes) be available throughout the roadway system associated with the Express Lanes Network.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization recommends that HRTAC consider the following items when developing the master tolling agreement with VDOT:

- Prioritize optimal congestion pricing.
- Develop tolling approaches that mitigate impacts on Hampton Roads residents, including options that maximize revenue collection on weekends.
- Ensure a free alternative (general purpose lanes) be available throughout the roadway system associated with the Express Lanes Network.
- Funding, operation, and the use of toll revenues of the Express Lanes Network to be managed by HRTAC directly or indirectly through the master tolling agreement.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 17th day of October, 2019.



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